

## CERRO GORDO

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### BUENA VISTA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY And U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The geology and mining history of the Owens Lake region and Cerro Gordo Mining District will be explored. This program starts at the Ranch House Cafe in Olancho. From there we examine the Olancho Dunes and Dirty Socks Hot Springs. Then we proceed on to Keeler for a discussion of sodium sulfate and sodium carbonate mining on Owens Lake and the history of water levels in the lake. We then explore the Keeler Mill and make our way up the Yellow Grade to the town of Cerro Gordo.

Information about the Cerro Gordo mine can be found at  
[http://www.owensvalleyhistory.com/cerro\\_gordo1/page43.html](http://www.owensvalleyhistory.com/cerro_gordo1/page43.html).

The American Hotel (Bed & Breakfast) at Cerro Gordo will be open. For more information you can contact Mike Patterson by regular mail at P.O. Box 221, Keeler, CA 93530 or by phone at: 760-876-5030. The Patterson's can also be reached at [ghostoffathill@starband.net](mailto:ghostoffathill@starband.net). The tour is subject to weather conditions and may be cancelled at any time. Donations for the restoration of Cerro Gordo are gratefully accepted.

In the likely event that weather is good and snow levels low, we will take the back road down the east side of the Inyo Mountains, returning to Olancho on the Lucas Valley Road. High clearance 4x4 vehicles are required for this trip. Donations for the restoration of Cerro Gordo are gratefully accepted by the Patterson's for the Cerro Gordo Foundation.

8:00 AM	Ranch House Cafe
8:30 AM	Olancho Dunes
9:30 AM	Dirty Socks Hot Springs
10:00 AM	Fossil Hunting, El Paso Mountains
12:00 PM	Keeler (Lunch)
2:00 PM	Yellow Grade
3:00 PM	Cerro Gordo
4:00 PM	Lucas Valley Road
5:30 PM	Return to Olancho

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#### **TO PAY FOR YOUR RESERVATIONS**

Complete the reservation form, below. Registration fees are \$10 per person per day, or \$25 per vehicle per day, whichever is less. Make your check payable to "Buena Vista Museum of Natural History" and mail to BVMNH, 2018 Chester Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301. **Charge card payments** may be made by calling 661-324-6350. If you have any

questions about these field trip programs call Dr. Gregg Wilkerson at (661) 391-6177 or contact the Museum directly at 661-324-6350. You will be asked to sign a "Hold Harmless" agreement before the field trip begins.

Visit our web site at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/geologytrips.html>. The Buena Vista Museum of Natural History web site is at [www.sharktoothhill.com](http://www.sharktoothhill.com).

**CALL FOR MOST RECENT DATES AND SCHEDULE. SOMETIMES WE NEED TO CHANGE FIELD TRIP DATES.**

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(Area Code) Phone

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Field Trip Name	Dates	

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees:** For 1 or 2 persons traveling in one vehicle:

\_\_\_\_\_ Persons x \$10 person per day = \$\_\_\_\_\_ per day

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per day x \_\_\_\_\_ days = \$\_\_\_\_\_ total for this field trip

**Or**

**Registration Fees:** For 3 or more persons traveling in one vehicle

\_\_\_\_\_ Vehicles x \$25 per vehicle per day = \$\_\_\_\_\_ per day

\$\_\_\_\_\_ per day x \_\_\_\_\_ days = \$\_\_\_\_\_ total for this field trip

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit card type: Visa \_\_\_ MC \_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: WE NO LONGER OFFER MUSEUM VANS FOR THESE TRIPS DO TO THEIR HIGH COST AND LIABILITY ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH USING THE VANS